

Transforming America's Army

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Vision – Transform the Army into an intellectually agile force that organizes and shares knowledge to be strategically responsive and dominant at every point on the spectrum of operations.

What is a Knowledge-Based Organization?

A knowledge-based organization is one that uses its intellectual capital (people, processes, technology) to:

- Organize and share data
- Promote learning and knowledge
- Leverage its knowledge for decisive strategic advantage

THE ARMY PORTAL

The Army Portal is a secure, user-customizable gateway to the Army's corporate knowledge. Accessible from any Internet connection, the Army Portal allows users to quickly find the latest knowledge on subjects of their choosing. Users can gain access to Army installation and PCS information, training links, the latest Army news and other knowledge centers throughout the Army. Personnel can locate each other and communicate via secure, Web-based e-mail. A robust search engine provides instant search and retrieval of all Army Web pages. The Army Portal gives America's Army the increased knowledge-sharing capability that it needs for success in today's dynamic environment.

ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE-SIPRNet

Army Knowledge Online-SIPRNet (AKO-S) is the SIPRNet corporate knowledge interface for Headquarters, Department of the Army. AKO-S integrates existing SIPRNet content with HQDA

content in an easily understood layout, speeding information retrieval and organization.

Designed to maximize the ease of input of information to the site, AKO-S serves both as an executive communications tool and an information repository for action officers. AKO-S leverages the inherent security of the SIPRNet, providing the needed level of information assurance for sensitive and classified information, while incorporating state-of-the-art technologies for knowledge management.

AKO-S provides an integrated collaborative interface that provides "roles-based" access controls with access to domain searches, SIPRNet searches (using five engines), weather, news, national/joint intelligence and a personalized knowledge template.

Army Knowledge Management

Knowledge management (KM) is a systematic process for acquiring, creating, synthesizing, sharing and using information, insights and experiences to achieve organizational goals. KM recognizes that the most important asset in an organization is its members' intellectual capital. KM is important to the Army today because it provides increased continuity despite high personnel turnover, and allows soldiers to work more effectively despite a smaller force structure. With KM, soldiers spend less time searching for information and more time using the right knowledge, at the right time, in the right way, to accomplish the mission.

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How Do I Access AKO?

Update Browser: Make sure your Internet browser (either Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer) is version 4.0 or higher. If you have an earlier version, you may not be able to fully utilize the site.

Access Army Knowledge Online (AKO): AKO is located at <http://www.us.army.mil>.

Apply for an AKO Account: All soldiers (active duty, National Guard, Reserves), DA civilians and retirees are eligible for an AKO account. To register, click on the "I'm a new user" link at <http://www.us.army.mil> and fill out the application.